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1. REFTEL NOTE CONVEYED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 15 BY EMBOFF. AFTER CONFERRING WITH PANAM HERE, WE CHANGED DATE IN DEPARTMENT TEXT FOR BEGINNING OF SUMMER SCHEDULE FROM APRIL 1 TO MAR 20, WHICH WAS DATE GIVEN IN OUR ORIGINAL NOTE TO GOI. SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH DR. EZEDIN KAZEMI, CHARGE OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT. KAZEMI'S INITIAL REACTION WAS INDIGNATION AT THE TONE OF NOTE. HE HAD ON HIS DESK A TELEGRAM FROM IRANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DESCRIBING MR. BROWN'S VISIT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND HAD A CALL IN TO POL COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS WHAT HE TERMED MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. KAZEMI ASKED THAT SEVERAL POINTS BE CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT:

A. USE OF THE WORD "REJECTION" OF PANAM SUMMER SCHEDULE IN REFTEL AND MR. BROWN'S DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON WAS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING, SINCE IT IMPOIES GOI REFUSAL TO ALLOW PANAM OPERATE NEW SHCEDULE. IN VIEW OF IMBALANCE IN CPACITY UNFAVORABLE TO IRAN ON CURRENT WINTER SCHEUDLE, GOI "HAVE THEREFORE NOT APPROVED THE SAID ADDITIONS." GOI HAS NO INTENTION OF "REJECT-

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ING" THIS NEW SHCEULE BUT WILL ALLOW IT TO OPERATE SIX MONTHS

AS PORVIDED FOR BY AIR AGREEMENT, DESPITE THEIR UNWILLINGNESS
TO APPROVE THIS CAPACITY INCREASE.

B. KAZEMI FELT CITATION OF THE 15-DAY PERIOD FOR FILING
OBJECTION WAS MOOT POINT SINCE HE DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON CON-
SULTATIONS ON OR BOUT THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF OUR NOTE WITH
PANAM SUMMER SCHEDULE. ADDITIONALLY, SAYS KAZEMI, HE MADE CLEAR
HIS GOVERNMENTJ'S OBJECTION TO PANAM INCRAASE IN CAPACITY DURING
WASHINGTON CONSULATTIONS.

C. AS WAS NOTED IN PARA 8 OF MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS OF
FEBRUARY 20,1976(SENT HERE AS STATE 052669) KAZEMI ASKED FOR USG
POSITION PAPER ON MATTERS DISCUSSE, INCLUDING CAPACITY, BEFORE
FEBRUARY 29,1976. HE INSTRUCTED HIS EMBASSY TO INQUIRE ABOUT
THIS AND WAS TOLD THAT DEPT HAD NOT YET PREPARED THIS PAPER.
LACKING THIS EXPECTED USG POSITION PATER, KAZEMI SAID HE WAS UNABLE
TO RESIST PRESSURE FROM GOI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES(READ IRAN
AIR) TO OBJECT TO PANAM SUMMER SCHEDULE.

3. LACKING DETAILED REOCRD OF FEBRUARY NEGOTIATIONS, WE WERE
UNABLE TO DEBATE POINTS B AND C. KAZEMI WILL BE IN NEW YORK FROM
MARCH 26 TO APRIL 1 FOR LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND WOULD WEL-
COME CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER. CHARGE' WILL
RAISE THE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY AT MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16, IN ORDER TO REINFORCE USG POSITION.
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